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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether Government made any attempt to secure any other qualified men? And if they tried and failed may I know where they tried?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" We did not try; when there are men available there is no necessity for getting other men."

Land Revenue

Enhancement of tax on trees in darkhast lands in Anchetti village.

* 1561 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the special rate of Rs. 5 per acre for trees on darkhast lands in Anchetti village of Hosur taluk, Salem district, has been raised to Rs. 7-8-0;

(b) if so, the reasons for enhancing the rates;

(c) whether it is a fact that acreage rate of Rs. 5 is still in force in the neighbouring villages of Thaggatti, Urigam, Kottaiyur, Madakkal, Doddamanchi and Natrapalaiyam though these villages are situated in the same locality as Anchetti and are economically as good as the excepted villages;

(d) whether it is a fact that seigniorage rates are being levied on trees standing on darkhast lands in the above village against precedent, and if so, why;

(e) whether the Government have received any mahazars from the ryots of the Anchetti village protesting against the raising of the acreage rates and the levying of the seigniorage fees on trees standing on darkhast lands; and

(f) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. A report has been called for.

(e) & (f) The Government have not received any memorials on the subject.

Minor Irrigation

Expenditure on minor irrigation in the Ceded districts.

* 1562 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to minor irrigation—

(a) the amount of money that was allotted for each of the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool during each of the years 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29;

(b) the amount of money that was spent out of those allotments;

(c) what are the reasons for the unexpended balances, if any, out of those allotments, in each district; and

(d) what is the amount of money that has been allotted for 1929-30, for each of the above districts under that head?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement[a] giving the information required is attached.

(c) The unexpended balance under Anantapur for 1927-28 was due to the failure of the district officers to notice in time that

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 271 infra.